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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:00 AM
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Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning Susan Noto,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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Charlotte County Commissioners,

Here we go AGAIN.

Please help me understand. In 2022 there was a proposal to put sewers on Palm Island. At that time there was a huge wave of home and property owners that wrote and came to the meetings you provided. At that time there was a decision the sewage system on Palm Island would be denied.

To refresh your memories,

- Environmental Utilities (EU) proposed a sewage system that would cost each property owner a significant increase to sewage removal
- Create a huge environmental disaster to install this system because there would be damage to not only existing landscaping but would tear up sea oats and sea grapes that are protected foliage that protect our homes during hurricanes and tropical storms.

- Environmental impacts will be enormous:
- Would not eliminate septic tanks, but would tear up existing, well maintained septic tanks and replacing them with smaller septic tanks. I do not see the advantage of that process
- Then, there will be a pump (the responsibly of each homeowners to maintain) added to that there will be electricity needed to power the pump (the responsibility of the homeowners to maintain).
- Added to that there would be an expensive monthly cost for this unwanted system that only removes the gray water.
- As mentioned the initial installation would tear up existing protected plants.
- Enormous cost to owners to hook up to this travesty
- A potential catastrophic environmental disaster if (perhaps during a major storm and there is a power outage) . Water would back up into these homes because there would not be power to run the pump, sewage would back up into the street then into properties and then into the Gulf of Mexico.
- There are a lot of rentals during the cold weather months. Are these renters going to be responsible to maintain the pump if there is a problem. They will not bother - so sewage would run unchecked into the properties creating a stench due to raw sewage backing up, and a disaster to the environment and death to flora and fauna.
- The said sewage gray water would need to be pumped under the Intercostal. How about the environmental disaster that would create until that leak would be identified and then the cost to repair the leak.
- Where would that money come from? I guarantee that the cost of that repair would be show up in an increase to the homeowners sewage utility bill.

All of the above were mentioned in 2022. These reasons are still valid! There has not been any change to the island with the exception of the building boom. If there is truly a concern to the environment, why then has the County continued to issue building permits that include adding additional septic systems. Why not put a moratorium on all building.

There has not been any more proof as far as I could determine, that EU has offered any guarantee that there would be enough money to put this proposal in effect. There has been no comfort to the home and property owners that EU would have backup money to handle any problems they face that would delay the completion of this proposed system. I find it extremely aggravating that there was a fancy hand out explaining the use of this system, but there was 2/3 of the fancy handout was devoted to all the restrictions that the homeowner is expected to do or mostly not do. There are a lot of DO NOTS.

My input to EU's proposal has not changed since 2022. In fact, I am more opposed to the EU and their fancy handouts that make it sound that this system is an absolute. If the pressure of the people has anything to say we should once again say ABSOLUTELY NO.

As I mentioned, there are a lot of snowbirds on our island. It appears that EU has chosen a time when many of these folks are already in their northern homes. I don't believe that was just a coincidence, so please keep that in mind as you evaluate this proposal.

Please, please deny this proposal ONCE AND FOR ALL!!

Thank you,

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